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In re Application of: Hillman et al.

Title: KINESIN LIGHT CHAIN HOMOLOG

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2001, the period of time for response having been extended until November 3, 2001, by the accompanying Petition and fee. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks.

Utility rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 22-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention allegedly "is not supported by either a well-established utility or a disclosed specific and substantial credible utility." This rejection is traversed.

The rejection of claims 22-34 is improper, as the inventions of those claims have a patentable utility as set forth in the instant specification, and/or a utility well known to one of ordinary skill in the art.

The invention at issue is a polynucleotide sequence corresponding to a gene that is expressed in humans. The novel polynucleotide codes for a polypeptide demonstrated in the